

REMARKS

The Office has required a restriction pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121. The following two inventions have been identified:

Group I, claims 1-10 and 14-16 drawn to compounds, classified in class 546, subclasses 119.

Group II, claims 11-13 drawn to multiple uses, classified in class 514, various subclasses.

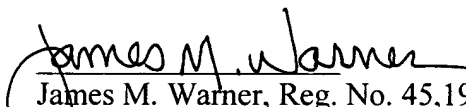
Subject to the foregoing, Applicants elect the invention of Group I (claims 1-10 and 14-16), without traverse. Claims 11-13 are withdrawn from consideration without prejudice.

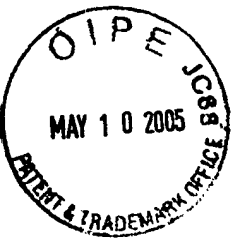
The election is without prejudice to Applicants' right to file divisional applications directed to the subject matter not contained therein. Applicants reserve the right to follow the procedure set forth in MPEP 821.04 and "Guidance on Treatment of Product and Process Claims in light of *In re Ochiai*, *In re Brouwer* and 35 U.S.C. §103(b)", 1184 Off. Gazette 86 (1996), which permits rejoinder of method claims upon the allowance of a claim to the composition of matter.

If the Examiner believes a telephonic interview with Applicant's representative would aid in the prosecution of this application, he is cordially invited to contact Applicant's representative at the below listed number.

The Applicants submit that the present invention is now in condition for allowance. Early allowance of all pending claims is respectfully solicited.

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